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**Waikoko traffic crashes cause Kūhiō Hwy. closure**

WAIKOKO – At approximately 7 a.m. on Saturday, police were notified of a vehicle that drove off Kūhiō Highway in Waikoko, on the island's North Shore.

Police discovered that a red Kia minivan had veered of the northbound lane of the highway and landed on a utility pole guide wire, which kept the vehicle from driving off the cliff. Responding officers closed the highway in both directions at approximately 8 a.m. to allow a crew from Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC) to repair a downed power line caused by the crash.

Once on scene, police also located a Jeep SUV that appeared to have driven off the highway and landed in the rocky shoreline below, roughly 200 yards from the Kia crash site.

It is unknown when the Jeep's crash occurred, but is unrelated to the crash involving the Kia.

There were no occupants in the Jeep when officers arrived on scene, but the owner later made contact with police. No injuries were reported and no property damage was caused by the Jeep's crash.

There were also no occupants in the Kia when police responded, however, the driver was later located and cited for not having insurance and for leaving a scene of a crash that resulted in property damage.

Both vehicles were towed from the scene and Kūhiō Highway remained closed while crews worked to clear the roadway. The highway was reopened at approximately 10:40 a.m.



**Above photo:** At approximately 7 a.m. on Saturday, police responded to a report of a Kia minivan that veered off Kūhiō Highway, which caused a downed power line. No injuries were reported in the crash and the vehicle was towed from the scene.



**Above photo:** When responding to the Kia crash Saturday morning, officers also located a Jeep SUV that had apparently veered off Kūhiō Highway, roughly 200 yards from the Kia crash site. There were no injuries reported in that crash.

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